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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – Inmate Stabs Correctional Officers at State Prison

(U) Two correctional officers were stabbed, one in the head and neck, by an inmate at a prison in Sacramento County in a Monday morning attack that is being investigated as an attempted homicide, prison officials reported. Prison officials did not have any information on the conditions of the injured officers, but they said the injuries were not believed to be life-threatening.

SOURCE: 13 July 2020, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) Sacramento – Governor Newsom Orders Closures of More Indoor Businesses

(U) Governor Gavin Newsom ordered the closure of more indoor businesses in counties that are on the state's watch list for increased spread of the novel coronavirus. Under the new restrictions, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Solano and Sonoma counties must shut down indoor operations for hair salons, nail salons, other personal care services, gyms, malls, places of worship, and offices for non-critical sectors. Newsom also shut down indoor operations at restaurants, wineries, movie theaters, family entertainment, zoos, museums and cardrooms statewide. Bars in the state are ordered to cease all operations.

SOURCE: 13 July 2020, [SF Gate](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Smugglers Use Ultralight Aircraft to Smuggle 145 Pounds of Methamphetamine

(U) Heber – US Customs and Border Protection seized 145.5 pounds of methamphetamine from an ultralight aircraft near the US-Mexico border. The makeshift aircraft was flying at a low altitude near Heber, California, early Saturday when agents were called in to investigate. Agents found a metal basket and a white duffel bag, which had 26 clear plastic containers full of meth, according to the statement. The street value of the haul is \$327,375.

SOURCE: 14 July 2020, [The Mercury News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – 930 US Immigration Detention Center Employees Test Positive For COVID-19

(U) Washington – More than 930 employees of private contractors running US immigration detention centers have tested positive for COVID-19, according to congressional testimony given by company executives on Monday. ICE has reported 45 cases of COVID-19 among its direct staff at detention facilities. Most of the employees at the privately run centers, however, work for private contractors and are not included in ICE's count. More than 3,000 immigrants in ICE custody have tested positive for COVID-19, although some have recovered or been released.

SOURCE: 13 July 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Texas – Accused El Paso Shooter Had Mental Disabilities

(U) El Paso – A man charged with an anti-Hispanic attack at a Texas Walmart in 2019 that killed 23 people had mental disabilities that should raise a “red flag” to prosecutors seeking the death sentence, according to his lawyers. Patrick Crusius, 21, was diagnosed with severe, lifelong neurological and mental disabilities and was in special education for much of his schoolings. Crusius pleaded not guilty in February to 90 federal hate crime charges after he was accused of deliberately targeting people of Mexican heritage in the shooting rampage.

SOURCE: 13 July 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany – Two Al-Qa’ida-Linked Syrians Arrested on Suspicion of Aiding Group

(U) Naumburg – Authorities arrested two Syrians in Germany on suspicion of helping to carry out an execution by an Islamist terrorist group linked to Al-Qa’ida. Named only as Khedr A.K. and Sami A.S., the men are accused of having “jointly killed a person protected under international humanitarian law,” prosecutors said. The men were arrested and their apartments searched in Naumburg, and in the western city of Essen. Khedr A.K. joined the Ghurabaa Muhassan group in Syria, part of the Jabhat al-Nusra terrorist organization, some time before July 2012, prosecutors said.

SOURCE: 13 July 2020, [i24 News](#)

(U) Mexico – Mexico Raises ‘Disappeared’ Toll to 73,000 Amid Cartel Violence

(U) Mexico City – Mexico yesterday raised the number of people listed officially as disappeared in the violence-torn country to 73,201, with most of them believed to be victims of drug cartel warfare. The latest figures, revised from 61,000 in January, paint an ever-grimmer picture of the scale of bloodshed and suffering in Mexico, where a record 34,582 people were murdered last year.

SOURCE: 13 July 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) Spain – Police Detain Two Algerians in Anti-Terrorism Operations

(U) Barcelona – Two Algerian men were detained in an anti-terrorism raid in Spain’s second largest city Barcelona today, police said. The two Algerians were part of a cell, under investigation since 2017, which was planning an attack with explosives in Barcelona, the regional Catalan police said in a statement, adding that the cell had now been fully disbanded.

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